

ported, strengthened and comforted for the days that lie before her.

"And may I be permitted," continued the Liberal leader, "to say to the Prime Minister and his colleagues and to the members on the Government side of the House that we on this side quite appreciate what the life and work of Sir James has meant to them, and what it means to them to-day to be without the leader who was for so many years their pride to follow, and on behalf of my colleagues and myself to tender our heartfelt sympathy in their loss."

#### **Large Political Knowledge.**

Hon. Dr. Pyne, who followed the leader of the Opposition, said he always recognized Sir James' great strength of character and purity and his wonderful capacity. He did not know any man in public life who could get at the pith of a thing more quickly and more accurately than Sir James. The great knowledge he possessed on what affected the welfare of the people was remarkable. The speaker gave several instances of the departed statesman's extraordinary memory, and also alluded to his Imperial ideas. His work in Ontario and Canada had always the further object in view of doing something for the Empire.

#### **An Old Neighbor.**

Mr. Damase Racine, the French-Canadian member from Russell county, spoke of his early acquaintance with the late Premier. Dundas and Russell are adjoining counties, and he knew Sir James long before he himself was elected a member. Although differing from Sir James politically, he was always able to approach him on behalf of his constituents, and no reasonable request had ever been denied. Sir James, indeed, was a fighting force, an active figure in his old county, and, as an old friend, he was glad to be able to add a few words of tribute.

Lieut.-Col. T. R. Atkinson (Norfolk) knew Sir James as a co-director and was impressed with his breadth and vision in all matters that came before their board.

Ex-Speaker Hoyle spoke of the honesty of purpose that actuated Sir James in the days of Opposition, and Mr. J. Wesley Johnson (West Hastings) said the late Premier lived a Spartan life, and the purity of his character withstood the storm and stress of politics.

Questions by Opposition members are already beginning to appear on the order paper. Mr. Bowman (West Bruce) will inquire about the sale of Government securities during the past year. Mr. Marshall (Lincoln) wants to know the expenditure on the new Government House, and Mr. Carter (South Wellington) will ask what portion of the 32,000 acres in Burwash township, now Sudbury, is being set apart for the relief of the unemployed.